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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday April 19, 2022 at 7:45 pm in the Auditorium are as follows: Laflamme, Frank N., President At-Large Councilor Present CITY COUNCIL PRESENT PRESENT COUNCIL PRESENT COUNCI				
Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present C//Y		
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present Present		
Tillotson, James K.	At-Large Councilor	Present		
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present		
McAuliffe, Joel D.	Ward 1 Councilor	Present		
Shane D. Brooks	Ward 2 Councilor	Present		
Delmarina Lopez	Ward 3 Councilor	Present		
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present		
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present		
Dobosz, Derek Gregory	Ward 6 Councilor	Present		
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present		
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present		
Mary Elizabeth Pniak-Costello	Ward 9 Councilor	Present		

- MO-1 Be it Ordered that, having convened in an open meeting on April 19, 2022, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the Chicopee City Council of Chicopee, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated April 2022 for the Anna E. Barry School located at 44 Connell Street, Chicopee, MA 01020 which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:
 - Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of schoolchildren, where no alternative exists;
 - Built in 1963, is not up to current code (e.g. sprinkler systems)
 - In need of large amount of asbestos removal.
 - Single-pane glass windows are not energy efficient and need replacement.
 - Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility;
 - HVAC controls are original.
 - Classroom unit-ventilators cannot be updated.
 - Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings to provide a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements;
 - Inefficient electrical power and lighting.
 - This building has multiple levels, some of which are not accessible for all.
 - Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and pass. Councilor Dobosz stated the Mayor had a special meeting showing some of these issues. Would allow for potential reimbursements and

grants to be prepared. Councilor McAuliffe said this is something MSBA looks at first to see if there is consensus on a local level for a new elementary school. Whatever this council decides it would send a message that we're serious about tackling this significant project. Will be the first elementary school built in the City of Chicopee since the 1970's. Councilor Pniak-Costello said this is a big moment. This building goes back to 1963. The Mayor was very informative what the challenges were in renovating this building. It's more efficient and cost effective to start this process. I have received calls on this and it's been in favor of building a new school. This is not wasting or spending money. This is investing money. Councilor Lopez states this building absolutely needs to be rebuilt. It's beyond repair at this point. The condition from the floors to the ceilings, it's not where we should be housing any children. This is one of many investments we're going to need to make in the near future. Councilor Balakier stated its pretty much obsolescence. Councilor Courchesne said there's so many challenges to make it safe that's just not cost effective. Councilor Tillotson said outside still looks like a good building. It's just got a lot of problems. Hope the children of the future get a building that is modern has a better gym for activities and things of that nature. Councilor Lopez wanted to note that we will see the cost is higher than we anticipate simply because we will have to go out of pocket for the gymnasium, It's important for us to fund that because the grant won't fund that. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-2 Be it Ordered the City of Chicopee hereby adopts Sections 180 to 18V, inclusive, of Chapter 6A of General Laws providing for the establishment of a regional 911 emergency communication district, together with the Town of East Longmeadow, Town of Longmeadow, the Town of Monson and the Town of Ware, and the construction or siting, administration, operation and maintenance of a regional 911 emergency communication center by the district under the provisions of the attached proposed district agreement negotiated between the City of Chicopee, Town of East Longmeadow, Town of Longmeadow, Town of Monson and the Town of Ware.

Be it further Ordered that the Mayor for the City of Chicopee is hereby authorized to negotiate, revise, amend and execute the regional 911 emergency communication district agreement with the above-mentioned Towns and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (Western Massachusetts Emergency Communication Dispatch District.)

- Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass. Councilor McAuliffe states they've seen the value. It's been largely successful. So happy to see it continue to grow. Councilor Dobosz said he thinks it's a good program and save a lot of money in the long term. Says he believes there are some issues with dispatch still and believe Public Safety committee should review at some point. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-3 SRF Bond Authorization ID # 6973 South Fairview Sewer Separation Project Phase A
 - Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass. Councilor Pniak-Costello says there's chronic sewer backup problems. This will enhance quality of life and address some serious issues. Councilor Courchesne says it's a \$13,000,000.00 project but we did receive aid so we will be able to do this project with substantial savings. Councilor Balakier said that's ARPA funds that have contributed to this project. It's great that we have this offset of \$5,000,000.00. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, and the bond authorization be approved. Councilor Krampits states this goes in conjunction with the previous order sewer side, this is the water side. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-5 Mayors appropriation of Fifteen thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$15,000.00) to the following named D.P.W. Parks Expense accounts:

Fuel Oil		\$12,500.00
Gas		2,500.00
	Total	\$15,000.00

From available funds in the D.P.W. Parks Salary account for Heavy MEO Laborer Account.

- Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated the City Parks Department
 has exhausted its FY 2022 budget line items. The cost has risen over \$2.00 a gallon. Motion passed
 through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-6 Mayors appropriation of Eighty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$85,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Special Account for Syphon Cleaning from available funds in the Sewer Surplus Account.
 - Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie states it's overdue for cleaning. Should be cleaned every 10 years. It's been about 20 years. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-7 Mayors appropriation of Fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Expense Account for Special Services from available funds in the Sewer Surplus.
 - Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and pass. Councilor Tillotson it's needed for a new computer system to keep records up to date. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-8 Mayors appropriation of Thirty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$30,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Water Special Account for James Street Transmission Main from available funds in the Water Surplus.
 - Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier it's estimated time of design is early fall of 2022. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-9 Mayors appropriation of One million and 00/100 dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to the following named account: Treasurer's Special Account for OPEB from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.
 - Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne states this is for retiree benefits that are not on the pension. When we do this, we will get a better rate. Thank you to Marie Laflamme. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-10 Mayors appropriation of Seventeen thousand twenty two and 08/100 dollars (\$17,022.08) from the following named Treasurer's Salary Accounts:

Assistant Treasurer \$6,930.63
Assistant Treasurer Stipend \$413.80
Sick Buy Back 9,677.65
Total \$17,022.08

- Motion made by Councilor Lopez to receive and pass. Councilor Lopez states the Assistant Treasurer resigned. This is contractual payout. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-11 Mayors appropriation of Sixty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$60,000.00) to the following named account: Law Expense Account for Special Services from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.
 - Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Dobosz wanted to mention that there was an issue with the soil at Williams Park, now there is a possible lawsuit because it could be coming from three different residential properties. Those residents are nervous that the city is going to blame them. There should be a conversation between those residents and the city. Councilor Lopez said the other one is the scheduling of the Neece trial. The Neece trial is something that has been going on for years, this should have been split into two separate motions. She agrees with continuing with the Neece trial, but understands where Councilor Dobosz is coming from, she understands why it was one motion and the need to wrap up a trial. Councilor Pniak-Costello said she agree with what Councilor Dobosz is doing and agrees with Councilor Lopez. Councilor Pniak-Costello referred to Attorney Garvey. Garvey said you can either vote it up or down. Water redundancy line in had to go through Williams Park. There was an odor that came from the ground. We notified DEP and there is an active open case. The Law Department has been in contact with a couple of residents. The neighbors need to find the source of contamination. We asked for permission to go onto property. We haven't talked about suing the neighbors. We are just in the information gathering. We are being required by DEP to investigate and remediate. I don't believe the \$60,000 would be used against the neighbors. We are just responding to DEP to locate the source. You either vote it up or down you can't split the order. Councilor Tillotson says this is such a situation that happened that no one seems to know how it happened and doesn't think the people are responsible but thinks the city would be helpful in helping to get it taken care of. Councilor McAuliffe asked Attorney Garvey since this is DEP requiring us to get to the bottom of it to what extent do we have a responsibility. Garvey says it's our obligation to find the source. Initially they were hesitant, and we sent a letter but doesn't know the response. We need to identify the source of contamination. Garvey says we would make sure we reinstated the property to the best of our ability if we were able to get on. Councilor Lopez asked Garvey if we voted down and asked for two separate motions if that is ok for timing of the Neece trial. Garvey stated he didn't imagine it could cause a problem. Councilor Lopez wants to make sure moving forward motions aren't put together that should be separate motions. She urges to vote this down because there isn't enough information and would like to see it as two separate motions. Councilor Dobosz stated the city tried to get residents to sign a waiver to accept responsibility. Liability shouldn't be on the residents. This is soil that's 15-20 feet under the ground. I can't support funding to sue my own constituents. Councilor Lopez made a motion to send to the finance committee. Councilor McAuliffe, it seems it would be given an opportunity to both issues. Councilor Tillotson stated he didn't see any advantage of sending it to Finance Committee. Councilor Laflamme stated there seems to be much concern regarding these two issues. Says he won't delay and send to Finance Committee as soon as possible just for this if that's the vote. Intention is not to separate them. It's just to start the process of the EPA process started. Councilor Courchesne stated continue with first motion to have them split so it's not holding up the trial funds. Councilor Lopez stated she would like to withdraw her motion to hopefully vote this down. Councilor McAuliffe made a motion to send to Finance. He stated if they don't agree with both items to split them. Councilor Lopez states it could go to Finance

separately. Councilor Zygarowski repeated original motion for passage. Councilor Courchesne asked if everyone understood what they voted for on the floor. Attorney Garvey stated only if someone on winning side wants to make a motion to reconsider otherwise it's passed. Councilor Laflamme made a motion to reconsider reading the order over again. Order went back on the floor. City Clerk Rattell reread the order. Councilor Courchesne asked Garvey to explain vote so that its correct this time. Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to refer to finance committee. Motion denied through a roll call vote of 3 yes, 10 no. Councilors Tillotson, Zygarowski, Brooks, Lopez, Balakier, Krampits, Dobosz, Courchesne, Labrie and Pniak-Costello voting no. Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass, passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 9 yes, 4 no. Councilors Lopez, Dobosz, Courchesne and Pniak-Costello voting no. Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to reconsider passed through a roll call vote of 11 yes, 2 no. Councilors Zygarowski and Brooks voting no. Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass through a roll call vote of 7 yes, 6 no. Councilors Tillotson, Brooks, Lopez, Dobosz, Courchesne and Pniak-Costello voting no. Motion defeated.

MO-12 To the City Council

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Paul G. Lamontagne, 26 Horseshoe Drive, Chicopee, Massachusetts 01022 as a member of the Council on Aging to serve until the first of April 2025. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*New Appointment

- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and refer to the Human Resource Committee. Councilor Tillotson asked how they want to handle new appointments this year. Councilor Laflamme said he would like to see all new appointments go to H.R. for review. Councilor McAuliffe stated set a policy if you're a new appointment you go to Human Resources Committee. Councilor Tillotson agrees if none of us have support for new appointments they should go to committee. Councilor Lopez stated all new appointments and re-appointments must go to H.R. unless the reappointment has already stood before the council with its members as it stands. Councilor Courchesne stated he agrees, and we need to be consistent. Councilor Pniak-Costello asked if there has ever been a policy before tonight. Asks the Law Department to come up with a policy with the input of the H.R. Director. Councilor Laflamme said we do have a policy that says they go to Human Resources. Attorney Garvey stated unless the Council determines otherwise. Councilor Laflamme said he thinks we should send it to the Rules Committee and make it solid what our intentions are. Councilor Tillotson stated we can make those exceptions. Whatever the council wants to do is fine with me. Motion passed, referred.

MO-13 To the City Council

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Laura B. Lavoie, 69 Oakhill Circle, Chicopee, Massachusetts 01020 as a member of the Council on Aging to serve until the first of April 2025. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*New Appointment

Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and refer to the Human Resource Committee.
 Councilor Tillotson stated same course, refer to the Human Resource Committee. Motion passed, referred.

MO-14 To the City Council

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Theresa Picard, 46 Harvey Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts 01020 as a member of the Commission on Disability to serve as a member for the term of 3 years expiring on the first of February 2025. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*New Appointment

- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and appointed this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated he would like to see this one get appointed, she's already been interviewed. Councilor McAuliffe said there is no one more qualified than Ms. Picard. Councilor Balakier stated she's experienced and would be a great asset. Councilor Dobosz stated, this is one we should consider approving on the floor tonight. We struggle to fill all the seats on this board. Councilor Lopez stated she supports this. Councilor Zygarowski mentioned he's happy we get people who want to serve. Motion passed.

MO-15 To the City Council

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed MaryAnne T. Cierpial, 61 Grape Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts 01013 as a member of the Ambulance Commission to serve as a member for the term of 3 years expiring on the first of January 2025. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*Re-Appointment

 Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and appointed this evening. Councilor Tillotson states he opens it up to the Council for their input. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated we are very fortunate for her to volunteer her time. Motion passed.

MO-16 To the City Council

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Katherine Collins-Kalbaugh, 14 Nawrocki Drive, Chicopee, Massachusetts 01020 as a member of the Ambulance Commission to serve as a member for the term of 3 years expiring on the first of January 2025. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*Re-Appointment

- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and appointed this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated she's a qualified individual. Councilor Dobosz thanked her for her service. Councilor McAuliffe said we are lucky to have her in the community. Motion passed.
- MO-17 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY22 State Formula Grant in the amount of One hundred forty five thousand nine hundred thirty two and 00/100 dollars (\$145,932.00) from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
 - Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier stated it will help with the expenses on the Council on Aging. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstaining. Councilor Laflamme abstained.
- MO-18 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Eleven thousand six hundred seventy two and 75/100 dollars (\$11,672.75) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations are

for senior meals for the month of March, 2022 and they are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

- Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass; donation accepted this evening. Councilor Courchesne stated these are the fees that were accepted for the senior meals. Councilor Dobosz said there was a couple seniors who had concerns. He hopes they bring the program back. Hopes we continue to make feeding our seniors a priority. Councilor Zygarowski also stated he was contacted by people regarding this. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstaining. Councilor Laflamme abstaining.
- MO-19 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of Four hundred four and 80/100 dollars (\$404.80) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations are for the Rivermills Reminder Newsletter and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
 - Motion made by Councilor Lopez to receive and pass donation. Councilor Lopez stated kind of the same course as the last motion. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstaining. Councilor Laflamme abstained.
- MO-20 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of One thousand twenty and 00/100 dollars (\$1,020.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations are for senior programs and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
 - Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks states it's a simple donation. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstaining. Councilor Laflamme abstained.
- 21 An Ordinance Committee Report: Chapter 7 Ordinance Committee Revisions.
 - Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive second and final reading, enrolled and ordained.
 Councilor Tillotson stated we are only dealing with the paralegal position in the Law Department.
 Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Pniak-Costello out of chair.
- 22 An Ordinance Committee Report: Chapter 7 Ordinance Committee Revisions.
 - Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive second and final reading, enrolled and ordained.
 Councilor Tillotson stated this is a memorandum of agreement. We are deleting part time receptionist from Chapter 7 Ordinance. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- An Ordinance Committee Report: Adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Old Lyman Road, Both sides – from Britton Street for a distance of 275 feet south thereof, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.
 - Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and deny. Councilor Tillotson stated it's a motion to defeat. Councilor Pniak-Costello agrees. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- Be it Ordered that the Public Works Subcommittee meet on Thursday May 5, 2022 at 6:30 PM as an informational session to discuss the 609061-Chicopee-Intersection Improvements at Montgomery Street, Granby Road, and McKinstry Avenue Round-About project.

Krampits/Laflamme

- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and refer to the Public Works Committee. Councilor Krampits stated this came up because of the proposed round-abouts. A public hearing would be more beneficial, so we are going to have that type of hearing. Councilor Laflamme stated a lot of people did not get their answers given to them. The meeting will be an informational meeting. Motion passed.
- Be it Ordered that the Communications subcommittee meet to discuss the development at the Burnett Road Mass Pike Entrance/Exit.

Dobosz

- Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and refer to the Communication Sub-Committee. Councilor Dobosz stated originally it was going to be a four-story hotel, the last I heard it was going to be a small strip mall. There is a lot of interest in this project. I want to make sure the City Council can go through the plans, and we can take public input as well. Councilor McAuliffe said he would be happy to have a meeting. There is no real reason for this council to put a stop to any development. Motion passed, referred.
- 26 Be it Ordered that the Public Safety Committee meet to receive an update on the Police Commission.

Pniak-Costello

- Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Public Safety Committee. Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to send to the Public Safety and Law Department for written opinion. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated as of April 11th the City of Springfield has started their police commission and it was very successful. We deserve an update at where we are at with our Police Commission. Councilor Courchesne stated its giving the public and employees a chance to discuss issues. He stated it would be good for everyone in the city. Councilor Dobosz stated he would be in favor of a Police Commission, its already in the Charter. Councilor Tillotson stated we should listen to their input if we are going to be transparent. Councilor McAuliffe stated it would be helpful to get an opinion from the Law Department where the current on the books Commission stands. There is some question whether our charter jumps what an ordinance is. Motion passed, referred.
- 27 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 157

157-2 Multiple and Persistent Violations:

Any person or entity that receives more than two Letters to Correct or Notice of Violation for the same violation in a twelve-month period shall be charged an administrative fee for the third and subsequent Letters to Correct or Notice of Violation.

157-3 Fees:

1st Offense: \$40.00 2nd Offense: \$60.00 3rd Offense: \$80.00

4th and subsequent offenses: \$100.00

Courchesne

- Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and take first reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee for Public Hearing. Councilor Courchesne stated there is number of out of state property owners. There is no incentive to correct the behavior. It is costing us to send out the letter every month. Motion passed, referred.
- 28 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260

260-31 Towing:

Any person or entity that receives two parking citations for the same violation in a seven-day period will be subject to towing on the third violation for the same instance.

Courchesne

- Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and take first reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee for a Public Hearing. Councilor Courchesne stated after a few conversations with a couple of Sergeants, it's cheaper to pay a random ticket than long term storage. There isn't anything they can do. They have no ability to tow consistent violators. Motion passed, referred.
- An application for a NEW Class 2 license. Wicked Cycles, Inc. Business address: 576 East Street. Applicant: Scott Machado, 1235 East Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.
 - Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Brooks said we'll take it up in committee. Motion passed, referred.
- An application for a NEW Auto Repair license. Wicked Cycles, Inc. Business address: 576 East Street. Applicant: Scott Machado, 1235 East Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.
 - Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Brooks said take it up in Committee. Motion passed, referred.
- An application for a NEW Hawker and Peddlers License to sell Ice Cream at: Various Locations.

 Applied for by: The Very Best Soft Ice Cream. Applicant: Mehmet Sarikcioglu, 761 Matianuck Ave, Windsor, CT 06095.
 - Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Brooks said we'll take it up in committee. Motion passed, referred.
- 32 Home Occupation Renewals

Debbie's Do's Debra Pelletier 12 Kane Drive

 Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, and license granted this evening. Councilor Balakier stated this is a renewal. Councilor Dobosz said he wanted to just speak in favor of this. Motion passed.

33-37 Junk Dealer's License Renewals

Krunali, Inc. H. Kumar Patel 2 Mill Street
Giguere's Used Appliances, Inc. Jeff Dean 200 Exchange Street
Sayegh Jewelers Adib J. Sayegh 601 Memorial Drive

Dan's Used Appliances Hollister Jewelry & Coins Daniel J. Cloutier Archie Moe 207/209 Meadow Street 1260 Memorial Drive

Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and approve licenses with current restrictions.
 Councilor Brooks said unless there's any objection, just grant he licenses this evening. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Keith W. Rattell

City Clerk